

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES  
MEETING MINUTES OF  
December 11, 2006**

**PRESENT:** Berger, Bunker, Longley-Cook, Chair Cooney, Fort, Hakanson, Lord-Hausman, Kirola, and Vice-Chair Moore

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:**

**GUESTS:** Marie Asejo and Alain Lacambra

**MINUTES:** The minutes of October 23, 2006 were approved with the following corrections: 1) under guest change ‘... their concerns ...’ to ‘... their concerns and frustrations ...’.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

The secretary informed the Commission that Assistant Risk Manager Ms. Lucretia Akil will be taking over as Commission Secretary as of March 2007 and will also be the City’s ADA coordinator. Commissioner Toby Berger recommended that the suggested Commission ADA policy recommendations and the ‘pedestrian access during construction’ criteria be tabled until Lucretia takes over.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Commissioners elected Audrey Lord-Hausman for Chair and re-elected Jody Moore for Vice-Chair for 2007. Chair Ed Cooney thanked the commission for their contributions throughout the year and providing him with assistance and backing during his term as Chair.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

2. **Cineplex Theater:**

The Secretary informed the Commission of the architect’s response to the following suggestions raised by the Commission: a) The number of assisted listening devices for each theater was based on ADA and Title 24 requirements. Commissioner Toby Berger was still concerned and would like to know if the audible system allows for increasing the number of devices should their be a demand in the future. Secretary to follow up, b) A fold down changing table has been provided in the men’s restroom, c) Towel dispensers will have built

in trash receptacles, d) Hooks have been installed in all stalls. Commissioner Toby Berger recommended that the hooks be close to the water closet in the stalls, e) Other than the disabled stall, no additional grab bars will be installed in the other men's stalls. Placement of grab bars in the other stalls would require that these stalls be made totally ADA accessible.

Chair Ed Cooney reported on his meeting with City staff and the parking garage contractor regarding pedestrian access along the Oak Street construction site. The Commission is aware that there is no pedestrian access along the east side of Oak Street. The contractor has relocated the construction fence closer to the curb and provided a coned refuge area along the side of the construction fence, should pedestrians disregard the 'sidewalk closed' signs.

3. **Alameda Hospital Health Fair:**

Commissioner Toby Berger informed the Commission that she and Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook had a table and represented the Commission at the health fair. Numerous people asked questions. She recommended that the Commission continue to participate in the annual fair.

4. **Alameda Youth Collaborative:**

Commissioner Audrey Lord-Hausman informed the Commission that Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook provided the information to the Alameda Youth Collaborative for the 10<sup>th</sup> year time capsule.

5. **Disaster Registry Program:**

Commissioner Charles Bunker informed the Commission that the disaster registry application has been revised to make it easier to fill out. There are currently twenty-five applications on record.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** none

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Commissioner Charles Bunker stated that the sidewalk has been uplifted at the Ballena Boulevard Bridge. Secretary will follow up.

2. Commissioner Audrey Lord-Hausman informed the Commission that; a) there is an ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments at [www.usdoj.gov/ada/pcatoolkit/abouttoolkit.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/ada/pcatoolkit/abouttoolkit.htm), and b) Disability Rights Advocates has filed a lawsuit against the California Department of Transportation. The lawsuit seeks to fix access barriers along pedestrian rights-of-way, including sidewalks, crosswalks, pathways, and Park and Ride facilities under the control of Caltrans.
3. Commissioner Jody Moore informed the Commission a green light was given for the Alameda Landing development and that the Miracle League field is closer to becoming a reality.
4. Chair Ed Cooney informed the Commissioners that they are invited to the City's Development Services groundbreaking ceremonies for the Habitat for Humanity eight residential homes site at 626 Buena Vista Avenue on Tuesday, December 12.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 29th, 2007 in Room 360, City Hall.

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